



Electrical & Mechanical Systems Inc.



316 CHERRY STREET
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16507-1134
ELECTRICAL • HEATING • COOLING • REFRIGERATION • BUCKET TRUCK • AUGER • FIBER OPTICS • CAT 5

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SERVICE & INSTALLATION

PHONE (814) 453-2518 www.eandmsi.com FAX (814) 459-4083



Ms. Laurie Duarte
General Services Administration
FAR Secretariat (MVR)
Rm 4035
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405

200 1-014-818

Re: FAR Case 2001-014

Dear Ms. Duarte:

I am a small-business owner who is interested in the federal government receiving of fair value in its contracts for goods and services. The *Federal Register* edition of April 3, 2001 proposed important policy initiatives, that I am in agreement with.

The actions of April 3rd's edition will bring to closure the acquisitions policy initiated in FAR Case 1999-010. Please see that it is overturned. It is a redundant policy with both unwise applications and a multitude of unforeseeable consequences. It exposed businesses to *unfair denial* of federal contracts based on any violation of an array of complicated federal laws in the past three years. Even unproven allegations or citations from the past that had been resolved could keep a company from winning federal contracts.

Important reforms in acquisition policy are clearly needed to open up opportunities for small business and independent pro competitive provisions required for the future.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Herbstritt
Chief Operations Manager